

Women of Color are Here

Purpose

The vigil for Women of Color are Here was intended to give space amidst discussions of police brutality to call attention to the sexualized and gendered ways in which state violence impacts women's bodies. We gathered with women in Columbus who are a part of many different struggles - from Ferguson activists to Palestine advocates - for a silent vigil and a chance to speak about their own experiences or on behalf of other women.

Impact

The plight of women of color is often silenced in discussions of state brutality. We learned how racism and sexism is a matter across which transnational solidarities can be realized.

The Israeli occupation of Gaza bears a disproportionate violence upon Palestinian women. During this, we learned about the state forms of torture used against female activists for the purpose of counterinsurgency.

White solidarity can take the form of whites informing their communities of gendered racial projects, while stepping back to let people of color lead the discussion in other spaces.



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